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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) has imported a large quantity of copper;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years alongwith the reasons for such an import;

(c) whether this import of copper is the subject of a vigilance enquiry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the quantity of copper required for manufacturing purposes in any given year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR.AKHILESH DAS)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) has imported copper plates both Machined and Unmachined being used in Moulds of Continuous Casting Machines in the Steel Melt Shop. These copper plates suiting to the requirement of the Moulds in VSP are not available indigenously and hence are being procured from imported sources. The details of imports made by VSP during last two years are as under:

Unit in tonnes:

Description	2005	2006
i) Machined Copper Plates	12	12.5
ii) Unmachined Copper Plates	15	15.5

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c).

(e) 185 tonnes of copper is estimated to be required for the production of Value added Steel Production at Steel Melting Shop during 2006-07.